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SOLAR ENERGY TO BPL PEOPLE
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Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government provides solar energy free of cost to the people living below poverty line in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and;

(c) the number of BPL people provided solar energy for domestic consumption in the country during each of the last three years, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR)

(a) &(b): The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy is implementing schemes on Solar Lantern and Remote Village Electrification, where a BPL family is eligible to get a solar lighting system with 100% Central Financial Assistance (CFA) under certain conditions.

Under the Solar Lantern Scheme during 2006-07 a new provision has been introduced where a girl child from below poverty line family, studying in class IX to XII and residing in un-electrified villages/hamlets of special category states and Union Territory islands, is eligible to get one solar lantern free of cost during the entire period of her school study. The distribution of solar lantern to such gild child is to be done by the state nodal agency through the district administration and education department for verification of BPL status and the details of the school and class of education of the girl child.

Under the Remote Village Electrification Programme 100% of the cost of one lamp solar home lighting system, subject to pre-specified maximum amount, is provided as CFA to BPL households in remote un-electrified villages/hamlets. This provision was introduced in the scheme during 2005-06. The CFA is sanctioned on the basis of proposals submitted by the state nodal agencies.

(c): Under the Remote Village Electrification Programme the CFA, as per the above provisions, has been sanctioned for 512 households in Assam, 4295 in Orissa and 2326 in Madhaya Pradesh. Himachal Pradesh and Uttrakhand have been sanctioned a target for distribution of 500 solar lanterns each, based on the proposals received from them.